

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Bob Bridges, Mike Buckley, Bill Goins, and Cindy Humphrey answering role call. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

Boy Scout Troop #27 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**MINUTES \* \* \* \***

Minutes of the April 5, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Mayor Bostic reported that he met with the EIDD and received positive feedback regarding the grant for the North Industrial Park.

He said we are also working on acquiring other grants for the downtown façade, tornado sirens, and small business loans.

The weekly scheduled meeting with INDOT will be tomorrow. The time has been changed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \* \***

Goins said he wanted to thank Dan Coats office for their recent visit to Rushville. He also thanked all of the departments for their work dealing with the high water situation today. A special thank you to the street department.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \* \***

**Police** – Cameron reported that the Board of Works promoted Craig Tucker to Assistant Chief of Police, and Randy Meek to Lieutenant.

Cameron also said he had a meeting with U.S. Attorney Joe Hogsett. He said Hogsett pledged his support in fighting crime.

**Street** – Miller said he wanted to thank Brett Turner for the use of prisoners to help fill sand bags.

Miller said the flooding today was caused from too much rain too quickly. He said the gate was open at Hodges' Branch, but there was just too much water. Bostic said when Cherry Street is extended that should help. He said they will put in a holding pond.

Miller said it was suggested by Marvin Rees to put in a box culvert for Waits Addition. The total cost is approximately \$4,500.00. Miller said he wanted the okay from Council to go ahead with the culvert, but it would probably be July before it is done. Bridges said it needed to be done. He also said a larger swale would probably need to be cut to keep the water way clear. Bridges made a motion to proceed with the culvert. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miller also said they intend to clean up the branch at Hunt Road this summer. Wilson said to make sure he has an okay from DNR before beginning the project.

Miller said they will run new pipe behind Curtis Brothers.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \* \***

John Gridley said several years ago Jackson Street between 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Streets was made a one way street. He said he would like to see it returned to a 2 way street now that the Park Restaurant is gone. Mayor Bostic said he would have the Police Department do a study and make a recommendation to Council

#### **NEW BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**BBR Vision Tax Abatement** – Jay Beatty and Stacey Haberman were present to represent BBR Vision. Bridges said he understood that they had filed an appeal of their assessment. Beatty said they had filed an appeal.

Bridges asked if the figures they gave at construction time were not accurate. Beatty said the costs to build were higher.

Bridges questioned if that was fair.

Beatty said the appeal hearing was scheduled for next week. There have been 3 appeals filed beginning in 2006. Beatty said there have been significant changes in real estate taxes. He said the abatement was an insensitive to build.

Humphrey questioned when the apartments were built how many were to be low income. Beatty said 20%.

Bridges said some people were told they could not rent the apartments because they made too much money. Haberman said the amount of low income residents was regulated by the State. She said they were working towards another phase that would not be lower income housing.

Humphrey asked what the market value was. Beatty said he had no idea. He said in 2006 they were assessed at 3,096,900. They had an appraisal done and the amount of the appraisal was 1,045,000. The appraised value by the County was 2,360,000. The same amount was given in 2007 and 2008.

Humphrey made a motion to table the approval of the CF1 until after the appeal hearing. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-1, with Buckley voting "nay".

**Park Industrial Service Tax Abatement** – Jim Abrams asked Council to approve the CF1 for Park Industrial Service. Abrams said he has not filed an appeal. Buckley made a motion to approve the CF1. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Trane Tax Abatement** – Greg Harcourt represented The Trane Company asking for approval of their tax abatements. Harcourt said they have not filed an appeal. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF1's for The Trane Company. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**May Meeting Date** – Bostic suggested moving the first meeting date in May to Monday because of the election. Shelton made a motion to change the date to Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 with Humphrey voting "nay".

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \* \***

**Trash Fee** – Bostic said he would like to thank all of the Department Heads, Council, and the Clerk-Treasurer. He said everyone has worked very hard to make budget cuts and are working to keep costs down. He said the budget is down by \$330,000.00 from what it was when he took office. He said he has also reduced City employees by 3. He said 65% of the general fund is for police and fire protection. He said he does not want to see it come to having to cut employees. Bostic then asked for comments from Bridges and Goins, who were on the trash committee.

Goins said there were several recycling sites visited. One of the women in charge made the statement that she would never do the project again. He said he would like to look at different ways to increase revenue. He said the City is not broke, but there has been a decline in revenue and we need to find ways to generate more revenue so we don't have to cut services. Goins said we have been very lucky that we have not had to charge for trash pick up. He said we need to make this a County wide project and educate more people in the importance of recycling.

Bridges said this is a short term fix for a long term problem. He does not agree with one price for all, when there are many that may only have one bag of trash. We need to work to save money through recycling. Bridges said he is not in favor of assessing a trash fee.

Shelton said he was not in favor of a fee. He said we need to cut costs and look at other aspects.

Humphrey said she is on the Solid Waste Board and Carole Yend works very hard and has some very good ideas. She said she is not in favor of implementing a fee. She said everyone needs to work together to work out a solution.

Bostic said this affects everyone of us and none of us want to charge another fee. He said the fairest way would be to pay per bag.

Goins made a motion to table the trash fee. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Loretta Jones said when they were annexed they were promised sidewalks and street lights. She said the construction of the road has caused problems that were not there before. Jones was told to fill out an application for a sidewalk, and to contact the Street Commissioner regarding a light.

**Claims** – Goins made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Humphrey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER